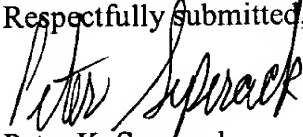


- A. Marker Protein TEM-1 β -lactamase
 - B. Antibiotic Resistance as Signal
 - C. β -lactamase α 197 as N-Terminal Fragment
 - D. β -lactamase ω 198 as C-Terminal Fragment
- Claims 22-41 are readable on the species elected above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (415) 576-0200.

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